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Cultivation of Betel Leaves

6947. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the betel leaf growers are adversely affected because of non-import of betel leaves by Pakistan;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to explore new international markets; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefit of research on betel leaves reach these growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Government have not received any adverse report that betel leaf growers are affected because of non import of betel leaves by Pakistan.

(c) The Government have intensified research under All India Coordinated Research Programme on betel leaves through ICAR institutes and State Agricultural Universities to solve the problems regarding betel leaves. The technology is being transferred through demonstration, extension and technical bulletins

Telephone Connections in Aligarh District of Uttar Pradesh

6948. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh since 1988 till date, category-wise,

(b) the number of telephone connections released during the above period, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) the action being taken by the Government to provide telephone connections to the applicants; and

(d) the number of public telephone booths set up in Aligarh district during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). The information is given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

(a) The number of persons of the waiting list for telephone connections in Aligarh District of Uttar Pradesh since 1988 till 31.7.1991 category-wise;

	Waiting list as on				
CATEGORY	31.3.88	31.3.89	31.3.90	31.3.91	31.7.91
OYT	43	92	8	5	2
Non-OYT Special	190	354	87	46	51
Non-OYT General	780	1396	1083	1719	1414